



**Hurricane Katrina &
Hurricane Rita
Government Relations Report
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Together, we can save a life

Important Red Cross Numbers

For Shelter and Service Locations: 1-866-GET-INFO

For Family Linking: 1-877-LOVED-1S

For Emergency Financial Assistance: 1-800-975-7585

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The American Red Cross is responding to two natural catastrophes and is training tens of thousands of new volunteers to bring aid to hurricane survivors.

- On Monday night, the Red Cross sheltered **57,210 hurricane survivors** in nearly 329 shelters. The Red Cross has housed **300,000 hurricane survivors** in hotels in 48 states and the District of Columbia.
- Since Hurricane Katrina slammed ashore, the Red Cross has provided survivors nearly **2.8 million** overnight stays in **902** shelters across 25 states and the District of Columbia.
- The Red Cross has served more than **14.3 million hot meals and 9.6 million snacks**.
- More than **163,000** trained Red Cross disaster relief workers from all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands have responded to help their neighbors in need.
- The Red Cross has raised **\$946.5 million** in gifts and pledges; however, only **\$700 million** (approximately) has been received.
- As of today, the Red Cross estimates that approximately **\$1.104 billion** has been spent or committed to Hurricane Katrina relief.
- Of this money, \$603 million has been used for financial assistance for nearly 608,000 families. Funds have also been spent on food, shelter, counseling and sending volunteers to the affected areas.
- The total cost estimate for Katrina relief is estimated at over **\$2 billion** and we are still very dependent upon the generosity of the American people to help deliver our services.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita

	Katrina/Rita Period	Katrina/Rita To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	322	1,256
Overnight Stays in Shelters	57,534	2,820,678
Meals	364,120	14,438,948

	Katrina/Rita Period	Katrina/Rita To Date
Snacks	197,437	9,667,335
Cases	19,836	607,567
Workers	25,166	164,388
Workers Given Orientation	1,749	84,792
Workers Given Training	3,246	151,936
Health Services Contacts	1,324	209,230
Mental Health Contacts	13,753	419,099
Clean-up Kits	6,402	125,817
Comfort Kits	5,012	197,652

Individual State Statistics

Texas (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	163	212
Shelter Population	29,551	182,882
Meals	106,383	1,689,189
Fixed Feeding Sites	4	71
Cases Opened	211	39,392
Mental Health Contacts	9	24,598

Mississippi (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	42	302
Shelter Population	3,076	55,410
Meals	77,247	5,111,634
Fixed Feeding Sites	61	154
Cases Opened	15,353	142,571
Mental Health Contacts	2,326	130,729

Florida (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	1	85
Shelter Population	50	7,308
Meals	200	854,808
Fixed Feeding Sites	2	80
Cases Opened	342	43,070
Mental Health Contacts	5,326	24,749

Louisiana (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	84	256
Shelter Population	21,776	66,383
Meals	155,274	5,111,882
Fixed Feeding Sites	98	227
Mobile Feeding Units	107	139
Cases Opened	1,919	40,915
Mental Health Contacts	5,201	167,472

Alabama (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	5	52

Shelter Population	158	5,421
Meals	1,815	533,617
Fixed Feeding Sites	10	85
Mobile Feeding Units	6	52
Cases Opened	274	37,290
Mental Health Contacts	157	12,912

All Other States- (Rita/Katrina)	Period	To Date
Shelters/evacuation centers	37	96
Shelter Population	2,923	24,097
Meals	23,201	1,137,818
Fixed Feeding Sites	33	163
Mobile Feeding Units	1	21
Cases Opened	1,777	121,885
Mental Health Contacts	734	58,639
Health Services Contacts	798	21,781